

Virginia Board of Medicine
Licensing Facts

Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) effective 1970 (three-part exam – over course of three days).

National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) effective 1959 – American/Canadian graduates only.

Virginia state licensing examination effective 4/8/1885 (two part –three day exam) offered until 1970/72.
Phased out and replaced by FLEX

Licensed medical Council of Canada (LMCC) accepted 10/71.

Other state board examinations taken after 1969 in conjunction with American Board Certification effective 1989.

Licensure by American Boards by endorsement deleted 1982.

FLEX examinations – three failed attempts required one year of additional training effective 1/76

Three years of postgraduate training required for non-US/Canadian graduates effective 1982.

Philippines jurisdiction exam accepted (territory of the US until 1946). Graduates considered US.

USMLE effective 6/94 – replaced FLEX.

USMLE combinations accepted effective 1994.

FLEX components I & II effective 1984.

FLEX components I & II required a minimum of 75% on each component effective 6/85.

FLEX examination effective 1/1/76 – must be taken in entirety, after which portions could be taken and the last best scores combined.

FLEX examination effective 6/76 – combination of last scores accepted days only.

FLEX examination no longer rounded off to an average score effective 1981.

FLEX re-examination to be given as a unit – no partial exams accepted after 7/1/84.

Educational Commission for Foreign medical Graduates (ECFMG) effective 1956. First exam given 3/58.

ECFMG certification exam taken before 1//85 automatically valid indefinitely. No re-examination required.

Intern/Resident temporary license required effective 1986.

Limited professorial license for five continuous years may receive waiver of 3 years postgraduate training requirement when applying for full license effective 1994.

Credentials Committee issued license on probation for first time 10/95.

Chiropractors licensed by National Board endorsement. No more state examination effective 10/4/95.

Seven-year rule to complete all three steps of USMLE effective 8/98.

Non-physician acupuncturists licensed effective 2/25/94.

Chiropractors allowed to apply for physician acupuncture license effective 7/1/96.

Physician acupuncture license no longer required. Qualified to practice effective 8/00.

Requirement for 200 hours with 50 hours of clinical instruction for Qualified to practice acupuncture effective 12/01.

Inactive license available effective 1/00.

Practitioner profile effective 1/00.

CE effective 1/02.

Office-based anesthesia regulations effective 6/02.

Registration for voluntary out-of-state license effective 7/03.

Two years post-graduate training for international graduates effective 7/03.